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MID-COLUMBIA RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 8, with the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Events will be offered at three refuges: Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge, and McNary National Wildlife Refuge.

At Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, Othello, WA, discover the variety of migratory birds in the Columbia Basin, from song birds to nesting owls, on a driving tour. Former refuge biologist, Randy Hill, will be leading the tour. The tour will depart at 7:00 a.m. from the refuge headquarters at 7th and Main in Othello. Bring binoculars, lunch, water, sunscreen, and appropriate clothing for short, easy walks. Space is limited, call 509-546-8300 to sign up.

At Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge, Toppenish, WA, join the Yakima Valley Audubon Society for bird banding, bird walks, and a hayrack ride through the refuge. Activities will be at the refuge headquarters located at 21 Pumphouse Road – U.S. Highway 97 South, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and culminating with the hayrack ride at 12:00 noon. Bring binoculars and dress for the weather.

At McNary National Wildlife Refuge, Burbank, WA, join the Friends Group for some real tweeters and twitters! The celebration will include bird watching, the migration game, and other bird activities. Activities will be hosted from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the environmental education center. The center is located at 64 Maple Street in Burbank.

International Migratory Bird Day, held annually on the second Saturday in May, is an invitation to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation. It was created specifically to highlight the migration of nearly 350 species of migratory birds between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. However, the day serves as an opportunity to celebrate all the species of birds whose annual movements enliven our lands, waters, and skies.

All events are free and open to every age. For more information, call the Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex at 509-546-8300.

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